



# The MARKETPLACE

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Kentucky Recycling and Marketing Assistance

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## Let's Talk e-Scrap

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to establish a contract and a reimbursement schedule with a single business partner to provide pickup and recycling services for end-of-life electronic equipment and components for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, K-12 school districts, postsecondary educational entities and any other public (nonprofit) entity in the Commonwealth that wishes to use the contract. To view the RFP, visit <http://emars.ky.gov/online/vss/Advantage> and search under "eScrap RFP." Note: Bids are due Wed., Sept. 8, 2010. Retrieved from *Recycling Today*, Aug. 3, 2010 at: <http://www.recyclingtoday.com/kentucky-electronics-recycling-rfp.aspx>.

## E-Waste Policy is Complicated, Often Lax, Study Finds

A recent study by University of Arizona alumna May Abela and Jacob Campbell, a current graduate student, found that "policies and laws do not completely address the pervasive problem with electronics waste." Findings included that certification programs are voluntary and the electronics program is largely unregulated, often leading to electronics being shipped overseas and poisoning populations and the environment.

The study cited a "regulatory disorder," noting that no state law attempts to regulate exported e-waste and that the federal government's attempt to reduce e-waste has been "remarkably limited." (*Comment – state law cannot regulate the exportation of commodities - citing interstate commerce laws* - <http://www.answers.com/topic/interstate-commerce-1>). The article can be found at <http://www.uanews.org/node/32631>.

## And While We Are On the Subject of e-Scrap

The Web site for the **Electronics TakeBack Coalition** <http://www.computertakeback.com/> is a gold mine of information. Their campaign platform "The Electronics TakeBack Coalition," promotes green design and responsible recycling in the electronics industry in the U.S. as part of the global effort for advancing sustainable practices. We have a three-point platform for reform in the electronics industry: take it back, make it green and recycle responsibly. The platform outlines current legislation, lists of e-cyclers, and reports on irresponsible disposal of e-Scrap. Check it out!

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## CRT Disposal – Peak Years 2012 – 2016?

At least that is what Florida is expecting, according to a report by the Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management. Florida's study based their forecast after reviewing the number of CRTs discarded from 1985 to 2020, checking several counties and E-scrap processors. Perhaps this is what Kentucky is facing as our televisions break down and are replaced with flat screens. The full report can be viewed at <http://www.eng.fsu.edu/~abchan/CRTanalysis.html>.

## Creative Recycling Systems

The e-Scrap contract period for January 2009 through July 2010 brought the total pounds collected to 4,745,597 lbs. or 2,373 net tons. Reimbursements climbed to \$131,939.09, with charges of \$40,441.66. The net revenue to generators for the period was \$91,497.43. Access our Web site at <http://waste.ky.gov/RLA/Pages/default.aspx> and contact Tom Heil at 502-564-6716, ext. 4640 or at [Thomas.Heil@ky.gov](mailto:Thomas.Heil@ky.gov) if you have questions about electronic recycling.

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<b>PAPER</b>		<b>\$ per ton</b>	<i>Board and Mill purchase prices, baled, FOB seller's dock. From August 7, 2010 Official Board Markets Yellow Sheet, Chicago market.</i>	
	<b>AUG. 2010 prices</b>		<b>Previous Month JULY 2010</b>	<b>Previous Year AUG. 2009</b>
Mixed Paper	55-60		55-60	40-45
Sorted Office	210-220		200-210	115-125
Newsprint #6	35-40		35-40	25-30
Newsprint #8	70-75		70-75	45-50
Sorted White Ledger	305-315		275-285	190-200
Corrugated Containers	95-105		100-110	65-70
<b>PLASTICS</b>		<b>Cents/lb.</b>	<i>From market sources serving Kentucky, contacted July 20, 2010. Baled, FOB seller's dock. Priced as loads available.</i>	
Polyethylene Terephthalate clear & green mixed (PET-soda bottles)	17		15	9
HDPE- <b>natural</b> -milk jugs-#2	24		23	23
HDPE- <b>colored</b> -detergent-#2	20		20	14
Polypropylene - #6	15		Did Not Track	Did Not Track
<b>GLASS</b>		<b>\$ per ton</b>	<i>From August 9, 2010, <u>Waste &amp; Recycling News</u>, average for truckload quantities, delivered to end-user, Chicago market.</i>	
Clear	15		15	16
Amber	8		8	8
Green	4		4	4
<b>METALS</b>		<b>Cents per lb.</b>	<i>(Aluminum from markets serving Kentucky) contacted August 17, 2010</i>	
Aluminum Cans - densified, baled truckload, picked up	71		68	65
		<b>\$ per gross ton</b>	<i>Steel cans from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted August 9, 2010. Baled, FOB seller's dock.</i>	
Steel Cans - clean, used densified cans	110-115		110-115	68



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